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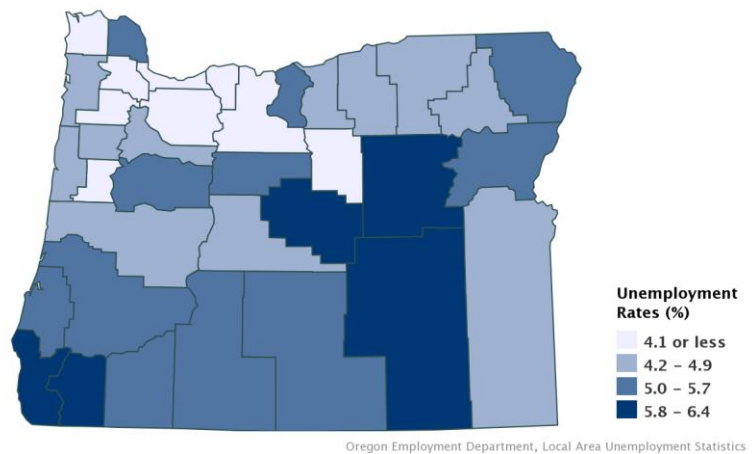
August 2017 Employment and Unemployment in Oregon's Counties

Benton and Washington counties had Oregon's lowest seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in August at 3.5 percent. Grant County (6.4%) registered the highest rate for the month. Crook (6.1%), Josephine (5.9%), and Curry (5.9%) counties also had some of the highest unemployment rates in the state this month.

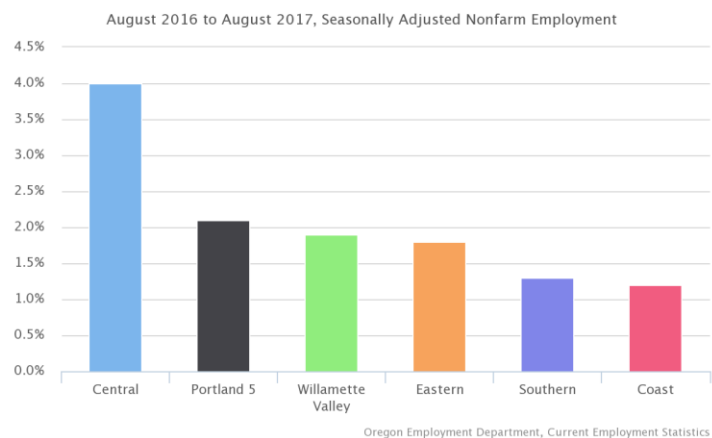
Nine of Oregon's counties had unemployment rates at or below the statewide rate of 4.1 percent and 11 counties were below the national rate of 4.4 percent. Gilliam County saw its unemployment rate improve over the year by 2.0 percentage points, more than any other county. Other counties that saw a large improvement in their unemployment rates were Willowa, Baker, and Jefferson, where the unemployment rates improved by 1.5, 1.4, and 1.4 percentage points, respectively, over the year.

Total nonfarm payroll employment rose in all of Oregon's six broad regions between August 2016 and August 2017. The largest job gains occurred in Central Oregon (+4.0%). Portland (+2.1%), the Willamette Valley (+1.9%), Eastern Oregon (+1.8%), Southern Oregon (+1.3), and the Oregon Coast (+1.2%) also saw growth.

Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rate, August 2017



Over-the-Year Employment Growth by Region



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The Oregon Employment Department will release statewide unemployment rate and industry employment data for September on Tuesday, October 17, 2017. The September county and metropolitan area unemployment rates will be released on Tuesday, October 24, 2017.

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Labor Force and Unemployment by Area (1)

	August 2017					July 2017					August 2016				
	Civilian Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate (UR)	Seasonally Adjusted UR	Civilian Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate (UR)	Seasonally Adjusted UR	Civilian Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate (UR)	Seasonally Adjusted UR
United States	160,863,000	153,576,000	7,287,000	4.5	4.4	161,911,000	154,470,000	7,441,000	4.6	4.3	159,800,000	151,804,000	7,996,000	5.0	4.9
State of Oregon	2,142,125	2,045,284	96,841	4.5	4.1	2,153,531	2,059,201	94,330	4.4	3.8	2,085,823	1,978,769	107,054	5.1	5.0
Metropolitan Statistical Areas:															
Albany (Linn County)	58,709	55,644	3,065	5.2	5.0	59,001	56,005	2,996	5.1	4.8	57,280	53,813	3,467	6.1	5.8
Bend-Redmond (Deschutes County)	96,174	92,160	4,014	4.2	4.2	95,890	91,980	3,910	4.1	4.0	92,902	88,539	4,363	4.7	5.0
Corvallis (Benton County)	46,675	44,849	1,826	3.9	3.5	46,734	44,868	1,866	4.0	3.4	45,634	43,558	2,076	4.5	4.1
Eugene (Lane County)	183,102	173,963	9,139	5.0	4.7	184,149	175,173	8,976	4.9	4.5	179,240	169,269	9,971	5.6	5.3
Grants Pass (Josephine County)	35,970	33,849	2,121	5.9	5.9	35,943	33,914	2,029	5.6	5.5	34,908	32,552	2,356	6.7	6.7
Medford (Jackson County)	104,966	99,383	5,583	5.3	5.1	104,596	99,205	5,391	5.2	4.7	103,903	97,574	6,329	6.1	6.1
Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro (2)	1,326,903	1,270,664	56,239	4.2	4.1	1,333,058	1,278,286	54,772	4.1	3.9	1,287,275	1,222,858	64,417	5.0	4.9
Salem (Marion and Polk counties)	206,301	196,382	9,919	4.8	4.7	206,728	197,034	9,694	4.7	4.4	200,104	189,160	10,944	5.5	5.5
Counties:															
Baker	7,261	6,896	365	5.0	5.1	7,217	6,864	353	4.9	4.9	7,157	6,721	436	6.1	6.5
Benton	46,675	44,849	1,826	3.9	3.5	46,734	44,868	1,866	4.0	3.4	45,634	43,558	2,076	4.5	4.1
Clackamas	222,529	213,090	9,439	4.2	3.8	223,328	214,229	9,099	4.1	3.5	216,081	205,718	10,363	4.8	4.7
Clatsop	20,042	19,219	823	4.1	4.1	20,251	19,440	811	4.0	3.8	19,852	18,936	916	4.6	5.0
Columbia	24,435	22,993	1,442	5.9	5.2	24,521	23,160	1,361	5.6	4.8	23,717	22,170	1,547	6.5	6.3
Coos	27,491	25,853	1,638	6.0	5.4	27,475	25,891	1,584	5.8	5.1	26,980	25,171	1,809	6.7	6.6
Crook	10,042	9,440	602	6.0	6.1	9,942	9,368	574	5.8	5.7	9,621	9,011	610	6.3	6.9
Curry	9,321	8,782	539	5.8	5.9	9,236	8,704	532	5.8	5.6	9,489	8,894	595	6.3	6.7
Deschutes	96,174	92,160	4,014	4.2	4.2	95,890	91,980	3,910	4.1	4.0	92,902	88,539	4,363	4.7	5.0
Douglas	47,795	45,051	2,744	5.7	5.3	47,311	44,682	2,629	5.6	5.0	47,063	43,974	3,089	6.6	6.5
Gilliam	893	852	41	4.6	4.5	883	846	37	4.2	4.3	876	822	54	6.2	6.5
Grant	3,464	3,271	193	5.6	6.4	3,397	3,234	163	4.8	5.9	3,286	3,102	184	5.6	7.6
Harney	3,652	3,457	195	5.3	5.8	3,664	3,482	182	5.0	5.4	3,586	3,392	194	5.4	6.4
Hood River	16,392	15,770	622	3.8	3.6	16,374	15,765	609	3.7	3.3	15,935	15,345	590	3.7	4.2
Jackson	104,966	99,383	5,583	5.3	5.1	104,596	99,205	5,391	5.2	4.7	103,903	97,574	6,329	6.1	6.1
Jefferson	10,435	9,882	553	5.3	5.4	10,491	9,946	545	5.2	5.1	10,092	9,469	623	6.2	6.8
Josephine	35,970	33,849	2,121	5.9	5.9	35,943	33,914	2,029	5.6	5.5	34,908	32,552	2,356	6.7	6.7
Klamath	30,587	28,832	1,755	5.7	5.6	30,708	29,016	1,692	5.5	5.3	29,858	27,894	1,964	6.6	6.9
Lake	3,781	3,598	183	4.8	5.6	3,806	3,623	183	4.8	5.4	3,647	3,458	189	5.2	6.3
Lane	183,102	173,963	9,139	5.0	4.7	184,149	175,173	8,976	4.9	4.5	179,240	169,269	9,971	5.6	5.3
Lincoln	22,675	21,628	1,047	4.6	4.8	22,721	21,665	1,056	4.6	4.5	22,352	21,163	1,189	5.3	5.7
Linn	58,709	55,644	3,065	5.2	5.0	59,001	56,005	2,996	5.1	4.8	57,280	53,813	3,467	6.1	5.8
Malheur	12,956	12,307	649	5.0	4.7	13,047	12,232	815	6.2	4.4	12,712	12,006	706	5.6	5.7
Marion	166,414	158,466	7,948	4.8	4.5	166,788	159,044	7,744	4.6	4.4	161,440	152,652	8,788	5.4	5.3
Morrow	6,159	5,874	285	4.6	4.8	6,223	5,858	365	5.9	4.5	6,059	5,740	319	5.3	5.4
Multnomah	465,317	446,653	18,664	4.0	3.6	467,063	448,883	18,180	3.9	3.4	451,872	431,059	20,813	4.6	4.4
Polk	39,887	37,916	1,971	4.9	4.5	39,940	37,990	1,950	4.9	4.2	38,664	36,508	2,156	5.6	5.3
Sherman	910	862	48	5.3	5.1	924	881	43	4.7	4.7	906	871	35	3.9	4.5
Tillamook	12,475	11,952	523	4.2	4.3	12,490	11,956	534	4.3	4.1	12,287	11,701	586	4.8	5.1
Umatilla	38,025	36,075	1,950	5.1	4.8	38,260	36,356	1,904	5.0	4.4	37,141	35,163	1,978	5.3	5.5
Union	12,333	11,712	621	5.0	4.9	12,422	11,840	582	4.7	4.6	12,146	11,449	697	5.7	5.9
Wallowa	3,692	3,545	147	4.0	5.1	3,697	3,551	146	3.9	5.0	3,614	3,443	171	4.7	6.6
Wasco	13,529	12,893	636	4.7	4.1	18,333	17,743	590	3.2	3.8	13,288	12,566	722	5.4	5.0
Washington	327,940	314,814	13,126	4.0	3.5	330,231	317,649	12,582	3.8	3.3	317,630	303,191	14,439	4.5	4.3
Wheeler	760	729	31	4.1	3.9	754	723	31	4.1	3.8	699	668	31	4.4	4.3
Yamhill	55,338	53,025	2,313	4.2	3.9	55,721	53,436	2,285	4.1	3.6	53,910	51,211	2,699	5.0	4.9

(1) Civilian labor force includes employed and unemployed individuals 16 years and older by place of residence. Employed includes nonfarm payroll employment, self-employed, unpaid family workers, domestics, agriculture, and labor disputants. Unemployment rate is calculated by dividing unemployed by civilian labor force. Data are not seasonally adjusted unless otherwise noted.

(2) Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro MSA includes Clackamas, Columbia, Multnomah, Washington, and Yamhill counties in Oregon and Clark and Skamania counties in Washington.

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